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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 7534

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PK, IR

SUBJ: ARMS FOR PAKISTAN

REFS: (A) TEHRAN 7359 (NOTAL); (B) STATE 178678 (NOTAL)

1. DURING MEETING WITH GENERAL TOUFANIAN AUGUST 4, CHIEF, ARMISH/MAAG, AND EMBOFF CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REF (B). TOUFANIAN SAID HE HAD READ TO SHAH OUR PAPER ON P & A DATA DECISIONS FOR PAKISTAN (REF A). AS HE HAD DONE WITH AMBASSADOR PREVIOUS DAY, TOUFANIAN DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH SAD CONDITION OF PAK MILITARY. PAK AIR FORCE CHIEF ON RECENT VISIT TO IRAN HAD OUTLINED "MISERABLE" STATE OF HIS COUNTRY'S ARMED FORCES AND ITS BASIC NEEDS. TOUFANIAN SAID SHAH WONDERED, IN VIEW U.S. AND IRANIAN SHARED INTERESTS IN PAKISTAN, WHETHER U.S. COULD NOT MAKE A-7 AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE FOR PAKISTAN.

2. WE REPLIED THAT WE THOUGHT THIS HAD BEEN CONSIDERED, BUT THAT USG APPARENTLY WANTED TO MOVE SLOWLY IN ITS FIRST DECISIONS ON RESUMING ARMS SALES TO PAKISTAN UNDER NEW POLIC FTG SOUTH ASIA. DELIVERY OF TANKS OR AIRCRAFT SUCH AS A-7 COULD EXCITE OPPOSITION. WE CONFIDENTIAL

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MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONSIDER SUCH TRANSFERS AT A LATER DATE.

3. TOUFANIAN SAID HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO PASS SHAH'S

INTEREST TO USG. WE SAID WE WOULD REPORT AND CONVEY
TO HIM ANY RESPONSE WE HAD FROM WASHINGTON.

4. TOUFANIAN ADDED THAT GOP WAS VERY WORRIED ABOUT
SHIPPING TANKS TO IRAN FOR RETRO-FIT. PAKS FEARED THAT
BECAUSE OF ITS INTERNAL TROUBLES, INDIA MIGHT SEEK TO
DIVERT PUBLIC ATTENTION WITH SOME ADVENTURE AGAINST
PAKISTAN. INDIANS KNEW THAT PAKISTAN WOULD BE WITHOUT
TANKS AND COULD BE TEMPTED, PAKS FEARED, TO LAUNCH AN
ATTACK.
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